

Amendment.

SEC. 9. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 526.—An Act To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

American cemeteries in Europe.

Pilgrimages for mothers and widows of American forces who died during World War and buried therein, to be arranged for.

Expense by United States.

Conditions.

Invitations to be extended.

Upon acceptance, one pilgrimage allowed. Restrictions.

Designation of the times therefor.

Issue of special passports, with limitation, if parties are citizens.

Travel documents, if aliens.

Without fee. Alien mothers, etc., permitted to return to United States within period of pilgrimage.

Extension of time.

Shortest practical route and time to be designated.

Period for Government expense limited.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to arrange for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries. Such pilgrimages shall be made at the expense of the United States under the conditions set forth in section 2.

SEC. 2. The conditions under which such pilgrimages may be made are as follows:

(a) Invitations to make the pilgrimages shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimages are authorized to be arranged under section 1.

(b) Upon acceptance of the invitation the mother or widow shall be entitled to make one such pilgrimage; but no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage, and no mother or widow shall be entitled to make more than one such pilgrimage.

(c) The pilgrimages shall be made at such times during the period from May 1, 1930, to October 31, 1933, as may be designated by the Secretary of War.

(d) For the purpose of the pilgrimages the Secretary of State shall (1) issue special passports, limited to the duration of the pilgrimage, to mothers and widows making the pilgrimages and to such personnel as may be selected to accompany and/or arrange for the pilgrimages, if such mothers, widows, and personnel are citizens of the United States, and (2) issue suitable travel documents, if aliens. No fee for either of such documents or for any application therefor shall be charged. Such alien mothers, widows, and personnel shall be permitted to return and be granted admission to the United States without regard to any law, convention, or treaty relating to the immigration or exclusion of aliens, if the return is made within the period covered by the pilgrimage of the particular group or, in the case of personnel, within such times as the Secretary of War shall by regulation prescribe; except that in any case of unavoidable detention the Secretary of War may extend in such case the time during which return may be made without regard to such laws, conventions, or treaties.

(e) The pilgrimages shall be by the shortest practicable route and for the shortest practicable time, to be designated by the Secretary of War. No mother or widow shall be provided for at Government expense in Europe for a longer period than two weeks from the time of disembarkation in Europe to the time of reembarkation in Europe. In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure.

(f) Vessels owned or operated by the United States Government or any agency thereof shall be used for transportation at sea wherever practicable.

Sea travel by Government vessels.

(g) Suitable transportation, accommodations, meals, and other necessities pertaining thereto, as prescribed by the Secretary of War, shall be furnished each mother or widow included in any pilgrimage for the entire distance at sea and on land and while sojourning in Europe and while en route in the United States from home to port and from port to home. Cabin-class accommodations shall be furnished for all transportation at sea. No mother or widow shall be entitled, by reason of any payment made by or for her, to be furnished by the Government with transportation, accommodations, meals, and other necessities pertaining thereto different in kind from those prescribed by the Secretary of War for the pilgrimage of the particular group.

Suitable transportation, and other necessities for entire distance, etc., furnished.

Cabins for sea transportation.

No one entitled by any payment to be furnished transportation, etc., different from those prescribed for the particular group.

(h) All pilgrimages shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of War may from time to time prescribe as to the time, route, itineraries, composition of groups, accommodations, transportation, program, arrangements, management, and other matters pertaining to such pilgrimages.

Regulations to be prescribed for all matters of the pilgrimages.

SEC. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of War is directed to make an investigation for the purpose of determining (1) the total numbers of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, (2) the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages and the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930, and (3) the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made. The Secretary of War shall report to the Congress not later than December 15, 1929, the results of such investigation.

Necessary sums authorized.

Investigation to determine numbers entitled, those who desire to make the pilgrimage, and probable cost.

Report of results to Congress.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act—

Meaning of terms used.

"Mother."

(a) The term "mother" means mother, stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces.

(b) The term "widow" means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces.

"Widow."

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CHAP. 527.—An Act Relating to the construction of a chapel at the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General is hereby authorized to accept for and on behalf of the United States, funds raised or to be raised by popular subscription for the construction of a suitable chapel upon the premises occupied and used by and for the Federal Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson, West Virginia. The funds so donated shall be expended under the direction of the Attorney General for the construction of such chapel and, after construction, the chapel shall be maintained at the expense of the United States: *Provided*, That the Attorney General is authorized to procure by contract preliminary sketches for the chapel, and after approval thereof by the Attorney General, to procure by contract working drawings, full-size details, specifications, and so forth, for the construction of the chapel and supervision of the construction: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, if requested of the Attorney General, to cause the plans, drawings, specifications, and estimates for the

Federal Industrial Institution for Women. Acceptance authorized of funds to construct a chapel on premises of.

Proviso. Preliminary sketches, working drawings, etc., to be procured.

Preparation of plans, etc., in Office of Supervising Architect of the Treasury.